(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring uniformity in house building loans for male and female employees; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) There is no differentiation between Airhostesses and Flight Pursers in the matter of House Building loan in Air India and Indian Airlines.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Hostel facilities for trainee Cabin-crew

2258. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has provided hostel facilities for trainee cabin-crew;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India is providing similar facilities to trainee cabin-crew;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines provides boarding and lodging facilities for trainee cabin-crew at its own premises at the Central training Establishment, Hyderabad.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A hostel of Air India to accommodate approximately 100 air hostesses of the Corporation is under construction. There is at present no proposal for providing hostel for trainee/Assistant/Flight Pursuers.

High wharfage charges at the Paradip Port

2239. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation incurred a loss of Rs. 10 crores in iron-ore expect on account of lack of facilities and other difficulties at the Paradip Port;

(b) whether it is a fact that Paradip port claimed high wharfage charges of Rs. 43 per tonne, whereas Madras and Visakhapatnam ports charged Rs. 27 and Rs. 25 per tonne, respectively;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have threatened to stop iron-ore exports through the Paradip Port; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to settle the row over iron ore exports through Paradip Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have reported that they have incurred a loss of Rs. 12.57 crores during 1987-88 in the export of iron ore through Paradip Port due to various reasons.

(b) Paradip Port levies a rate of Rs. 43 per tonne for the first 20 lakh tonnes, Rs. 35 per tonne for the next 5 lakh tonnes and Rs. 25 per tonne for cargo above 25 lakh tonnes as port charges. These are total port charges which include charges for tippling of wagons, loading etc. The corresponding notified rates at Visakhapatnam